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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Deonte Williams, 24, of Beloit, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to 30 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. This prison term will be followed by three years of supervised release. Williams pleaded guilty to this charge on October 31, 2007.

On October 9, 2006, a search of Williams's home in Beloit led to the recovery of a box of .25 caliber ammunition and a .25 caliber pistol. Williams was previously convicted of a felony and is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms and ammunition.

In sentencing him, Judge Crabb noted that Williams was violent and that he had no regard for the rights of others. She also found that he had no regard for the safety and well-being of people and that he was a danger to the community.

The charges against Williams were the result of an investigation conducted by the Beloit Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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